

Foch Has No Control of U. S. Army on Rhine

President Tells House the Troops Are Subject Only to His Orders, as Their Commander in Chief

17,578 Total in Germany

Cites Instructions to Pershing Denying Jurisdiction of the Allied Commission

WASHINGTON, April 1.—President Wilson informed the House to-day, in response to a resolution of inquiry, that American troops on the Rhine still were controlled by the terms of the armistice and were subject only to his orders as commander in chief of the army.

Field Marshal Foch, of France, the President said, has no jurisdiction over the troops, and they are not in any way controlled by the decisions of the Allied Rhineland commission, which makes ordinances and rules for the governing of the territory policed by the Allied armies of occupation.

Major General Henry T. Allen, commanding the American troops, the President wrote, has authority to police the territory under his control, to preserve order and "to repel any attack which may be made upon him."

The President said the American forces in Germany on March 26 "were reported to comprise 726 officers and 16,756 enlisted men."

Status of American Troops
"The American forces in Germany," the President wrote, "are at present operating under the terms of the original armistice and the subsequent convention prolonging the armistice. The instructions proposed to be issued to the commanding general, American forces in Germany, at the time of their occupying the Coblenz area were submitted to the War Department by General Pershing and contain the following statement of policy:

"The American forces will, however, undertake no action beyond the occupied regions, nor beyond that in strict accordance with the terms of the treaty. Any use of the American forces beyond that mentioned above must be specifically authorized in each case by the government of the United States."

Cooperation With Commission
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many with regard to the military occupation of the territories of the Rhine.

"This commission having been organized and having formulated ordinances for the zone of occupation, the question arose as to whether these ordinances should govern in the American sector, and the representatives of the State Department and the commanding general of the American forces in Germany were instructed as follows:

"This government cannot admit jurisdiction of that commission over portions of Rhinish provinces occupied by the American forces. Consequently, neither you (representative of the State Department) nor General Allen should issue any ordinances which conflict with or exceed the terms of the armistice, which the department (of state) regards as continuing in force as to the United States. You should, however, maintain the closest touch with the high commission, and endeavor in so far as possible to conform administrative regime within territory occupied by American forces to regime adopted by high commission for other portions of occupied territory."

"There is no objection to your sitting informally with the high commission provided you are requested to do so, nor of continuing your activities, as well as those of your staff, in connection with special committees to handle distribution of coal, etc. Ordinances, orders, regulations, etc., relating to financial and economic matters, including those similar to those adopted by high commission, which it is desired to put into force in territory occupied by American forces, should be issued by General Allen as commanding general of American forces in Germany, but only after having first been approved by you. In general, endeavor to cooperate fully with high commission, and avoid all friction with that body, while at the same time make it perfectly clear that you are still operating under the armistice as before January 10, and are in no way bound by the terms of the Rhineland agreement or the memorandum of June 13, 1919, defining the relations between the military authorities and the high commission."

"Replying specifically to the remaining question in the resolutions of the House of Representatives, I will state that Field Marshal Ferdinand Foch has no authority over the United States troops in German territory, nor can any one direct their activities without express orders from the President of the United States."

"It should be stated further, that under his general police powers, under the terms of the armistice, General Allen has full authority to utilize his troops for the police of the occupied district, the preservation of order, and to repel any attack which may be made upon him."

Artist's Wife Alleged Slain
Signora Mesones Led Into Death Trap, Rome Hears

ROME, March 31.—Signora Luis Ignatius Mesones, wife of the Peruvian artist, arrested here last winter on a charge of murder, was slain by her husband and accomplices in a hotel in this city, according to a confession said to have been made in court to-day by a man named Tomshetti.

For more than two years the name of the woman was believed to be Maria Mesones, and it was said by Tomshetti that Signora Mesones had been told she had a rival in her husband's affections, and adopted that name in an effort to discover and punish her husband's duplicity. She was led into a trap, it was asserted, and was herself slain.

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